

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a apertured film;
- b. providing a forming apparatus with a surface comprised of one or more profiled elements;
- c. providing a heat source;
- d. providing a motive force;
- e. advancing said apertured film onto said forming apparatus; and
- f. heating said film with said heat source to a temperature less than the melting temperature of said film, wherein said heat affects said film by inducing said film to deflect onto profiled elements defined by said forming surface of said forming apparatus, while said motive force applies incremental force to assist deflection of said apertured film.

Claim 2 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said apertured film is a reticulated film.

Claim 3 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said motive force is a vacuum.

Claim 4 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said film is a laminate component.

Claim 5 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said heat source is an air stream.

Claim 6 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said film is an absorbent article component.

Claim 7 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said film is a surgical drape component.

Claim 8 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said film is a bed pad component.

Claim 9 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said film incorporates one or more melt additives.

Claim 10 (withdrawn). A method of making an apertured film comprising one or more profiled elements as in claim 1, wherein said film has one or more additives topically applied.

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (currently amended). An absorbent article comprising[;]:

- a. a liquid permeable cover layer, wherein said cover layer comprises an apertured film having one or more profiled elements;
- b. a liquid impermeable backsheet; and
- c. an absorbent core position between said liquid permeable imaged apertured cover layer and said liquid impermeable backsheet,

wherein said profiled elements impart a depth into the cover layer operable to increase separation between the absorbent core and skin of a wearer of the absorbent article effective to provide enhanced prevention of liquids rewetting a surface of the cover layer, and said cover layer being effective to improve fluid handling and caliper performance allowing for human exudates to quickly enter the absorbent core.

Claim 15 (new). The absorbent article of claim 14, wherein said apertured film is selected from the group consisting of a reticulated film and a microporous film.

Claim 16 (new). The absorbent article of claim 14, wherein said apertured film comprises a thermoplastic composition.

Claim 17 (new). The absorbent article of claim 16, wherein said thermoplastic composition is selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin, a polyamide, and a polyester.

Claim 18 (new). The absorbent article of claim 16, wherein said thermoplastic composition is a polyolefin selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, and combinations thereof.

Claim 19 (new). The absorbent article of claim 14, wherein said cover layer comprises at least one performance additive.

Claim 20 (new). The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein said comprises at least one performance additive is selected from the group consisting of pigments, fragrances, hydrophilic materials, emollients, and skin wellness additives.